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Applicant: FRANK LEYMANN et al. : Group Art Unit: 2171
Serial No.: 09/872,878 : Examiner: Etienne Pierre Leroux
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Confirmation No.: 3172 : William A. Kinnaman, Jr.
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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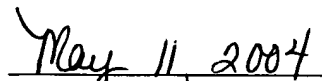
Dear Sir:

Responding to the Office action of March 9, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in the light of the remarks below.

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